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AMENDMENT

Applicants submits this Response along with a Version Marked to Show the Changes
Made to the Office Action dated October 24, 2002 directed to the above-identified application.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A filtration device comprising at least one well, each well having an open top and a closed bottom having one or more holes which allow liquid to pass through, at least one piece of filter positioned within each well and against the bottom of each well and a mechanical interlock against a top of the filter, said well being formed of a plastic and said interlock being one or more skives formed continuously from at least a portion of an inner wall of the well and wherein the interlock remains attached to and as a portion of the inner wall.

Please cancel Claims 7 - 9.

Amend claim 11 as follows: